(b) Government do not think it essential to open a dispensary at Pattancheri as it is within easy reach of the medical institutions of Tattamangalam, Nanniode and Chittur. It is only 4½ miles from Nanniode, 3½ miles from Tattamangalam and about 6½ miles from the Chittur Hospital. There is also easy road communication between these places.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—With the dispensaries at Tattamangalam, Nonniode and Chittur, can the Government have sufficient provisions to meet the needs of Pattancheri, which is thickly populated ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sufficient stock of medicines have been given to them as far as it is permitted.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know whether a list will be given regarding the facts and figures of the provisions supplied to these dispensaries ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I can do it during the course of the session.

Punishments—Medical Department.

59. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing the names of Government servants with their designations who have been either dismissed, suspended, reverted or otherwise punished or recommended for dismissal, suspension, reversion or other punishment, in the Medical Department since Dr. Rao took charge of that Department as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state further what was the punishment inflicted in each case covered by (a) and what was the offence in each case for which such punishment was inflicted ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 1. P. Kunjan Nayar, Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

2. C. K. Kuttamma, acting Nurse.

(b) (i) 1. Suspended until further orders of Government.

2. The services were dispensed with.

(ii) 1. For belabouring a female lunatic very severely.

2. For pilfering drugs from the General Hospital.

Transfer of Officers—Medical Department.

60. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the rule governing transfer of officers in the Medical Department apply equally to men and women ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. There is, however, no hard and fast rule governing the transfer of officers.

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